

are talking about those that are transferred to the State Foster Care Review Board, the transferred employees may be employees of the Permanency Plan Review Unit whose voluntary request to transfer shall be considered prior to all other such requests, or any other employee with child welfare experience who voluntarily elects to transfer. Now my questions are, and I am asking this rhetorically, I am not asking it of you right at this moment, does that mean if you don't volunteer that you can't be transferred? How do we decide that? And does it also mean that if you transfer, you will, or if you volunteer, you will be transferred in spite of the fact that there might be somebody else that the agency wants to transfer, and who makes...who makes the decisions on who gets transferred? Is it the Department of Social Services or who is it that makes this decision, or is it the Foster Care Review Board who goes in and hand picks or cherry picks the employees that it wants? I mean who makes the decision and how does it get done? I guess...I guess my concern is that in some ways this goes too far, and in other ways it doesn't go far enough, so the effect of my amendment is to take out that whole sentence beginning on line 7 of page 1 where it says the transferred employee and goes down to line 11, and after "transfer" it eliminates all of that and just simply says that there...five shall be transferred one year, five the other year, and they shall retain all employee benefits. I don't think that this is adequate and I would ask for your support of this amendment, and if anybody has any questions or comments on it, I will be happy to respond.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Bohlke, do you wish to speak to the Schimek amendment? Senator Day, do you wish to speak to the Schimek amendment?

SENATOR DAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I would rise in support of the Schimek amendment and I am in opposition of this bill. And I want to give you just a little background. I handed out the recommendations that came out of the interim study that we held last year, that I...that I chaired. This started the year before with some studies with the Appropriations Committee and we moved into the area of duplication and some of the children that were not being reviewed. I want to say unconditionally that I am a strong supporter of the Foster Care Review Board. I think they do a wonderful job and I would defend them all the way. I do not think this is a good policy change. I take a little exception to Senator Avery when he refers to our interim study, that we